

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Independent claims 37 and 38 have been amended so as to set forth the combination of an oil line or oil tank fitted with a screw plug. The claims have further been amended so as to set forth that the bevelled portion of the screw plug achieves a liquid-tight connection between the screw plug and a counter-cone in the oil line or oil tank. Support for this limitation as added to independent claims 37 and 38 can be found in paragraph [0003] and paragraph [0027]. It is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art references teach, disclose, suggest, or render obvious the combination as now claimed in claims 37-46.

The screw of newly cited U.S. 6,854,942 cannot be applied for the purpose of closing an oil tank or oil line. Thus, the combination as claimed is not at all anticipated nor rendered obvious by the '942 patent.

The early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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